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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) No. CV 11-3582-GW-SS
Plaintiff,)
v.) Consolidated With CV 13-9169-
) GW-SS
ONE WHITE CRYSTAL-COVERED "BAD)
TOUR" GLOVE AND OTHER MICHAEL)
JACKSON MEMORABILIA;) JOINT STATUS REPORT REGARDING
REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON) DISTRIBUTION OF SETTLEMENT
SWEETWATER MESA ROAD IN MALIBU,) PROCEEDS
CALIFORNIA; ONE 2011 FERRARI)
599 GTO,)
Defendants.)

1 On October 13, 2014, the United States and the Sweetwater
2 Claimants (jointly the "Parties") filed a Joint Motion and Stipulation
3 to Remove Actions From Court's Active Calendar and Enforce Settlement
4 Agreement (the "Joint Stipulation") resolving the above-captioned
5 action, which was approved by the Court on October 15, 2014.

6 Pursuant to the Joint Stipulation, the Defendant Res was to be
7 liquidated and the proceeds of that liquidation ("Liquidation
8 Proceeds") handled by the parties pursuant to the terms of the Joint
9 Stipulation. Specifically, the Joint Stipulation required that \$10.3
10 million of the Liquidation Proceeds be forfeited to the United States
11 and the remainder of the Liquidation Proceeds be used as contemplated
12 by the settlement agreement by, among the possibilities, a charity or
13 other organization(s) for the benefit of the people of Equatorial
14 Guinea. The use of the remainder of the Liquidation Proceeds is to be
15 either selected by the Sweetwater Claimants and the United States by
16 mutual agreement or selected by a panel. In the Joint Stipulation,
17 the Government represented, among other things, that, where practicable
18 and consistent with law, it intended to utilize the net Settlement
19 Amount for the benefit of the people of the Republic of Equatorial
20 Guinea. Pursuant to the Joint Stipulation, the Court retained
21 jurisdiction over this matter.

22 On April 29, 2019, a status conference was convened before the
23 Court to provide the Court with an update as to the status of the
24 implementation of the terms of the Joint Stipulation. At the Status
25 Conference, the Parties informed the Court that the Parties had reached
26 an agreement in principle as to a third-party entity (the "Potential
27 Entity") to receive a portion of the Liquidation Proceeds to be used
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1 for the benefit of the Equatoguinean people. The Court directed the
2 Parties to file a joint status report regarding the distribution of
3 the Liquidation Proceeds by June 26, 2019.

4 Since the Status Conference, representatives of the Parties have
5 continued to engage in constructive discussions, including with
6 representatives of the Potential Entity, both in the United States and
7 the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to detail a specific plan to disburse
8 a portion of the Liquidation Proceeds to benefit the people of
9 Equatorial Guinea. Among other things, the Parties and the Potential
10 Entity have discussed the possibility of utilizing the Liquidation
11 Proceeds for educational purposes to benefit Equatoguinean students.
12 Consistent with the objective of identifying a mutually-agreeable use
13 of the proceeds that can be provided with some portion of the
14 Liquidation Proceeds to be used to benefit the people of Equatorial
15 Guinea, representatives of the Parties are scheduled to meet in person
16 in July to engage in further and more focused discussions with each
17 other and the Potential Entity to finalize details on how the
18 Liquidation Proceeds can be used consistent with the terms of the Joint
19 Stipulation.

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1 The Parties respectfully request that the Court schedule a further
2 status conference on September 9, 2019, or a date the Court deems
3 appropriate.

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5 Respectfully submitted,

6 DATED: June 26, 2019

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